

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes____
no____

Property Name: 2120 Old Edgewood Road Inventory Number: HA-1675
Address: 2120 Old Edgewood Road City: Edgewood Zip Code: 21040
County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Edgewood, MD
Owner: Benjamin Daniel Riley and wife Is the property being evaluated a district? ____ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 52, lot 1 Tax Map Number: 66 Tax Account ID Number: 01-081020
Project: Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: X no ____ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ____ yes Eligible district ____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ____ yes ____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ____ yes X no

Criteria: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D Considerations: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____ F ____ G ____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Phase I Architectural Resources Survey-Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A vernacular nineteenth century house of little architectural distinction, 2120 Old Edgewood Road has been significantly altered by sheathing in asbestos shingles, construction of a replacement porch, and construction of rear additions. A modern log utility shed with a concrete foundation is present in the rear yard.

Although the house may be among the earliest standing buildings in Edgewood, its present appearance fails to convey strong associations with the time of its construction. The mid-twentieth century outbuilding lacks architectural significance. Therefore, the property does not appear to meet any of the four National Register criteria.

Prepared by: Douglas C. McVarish

Date Prepared: 4/18/02

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ____

Eligibility not recommended X

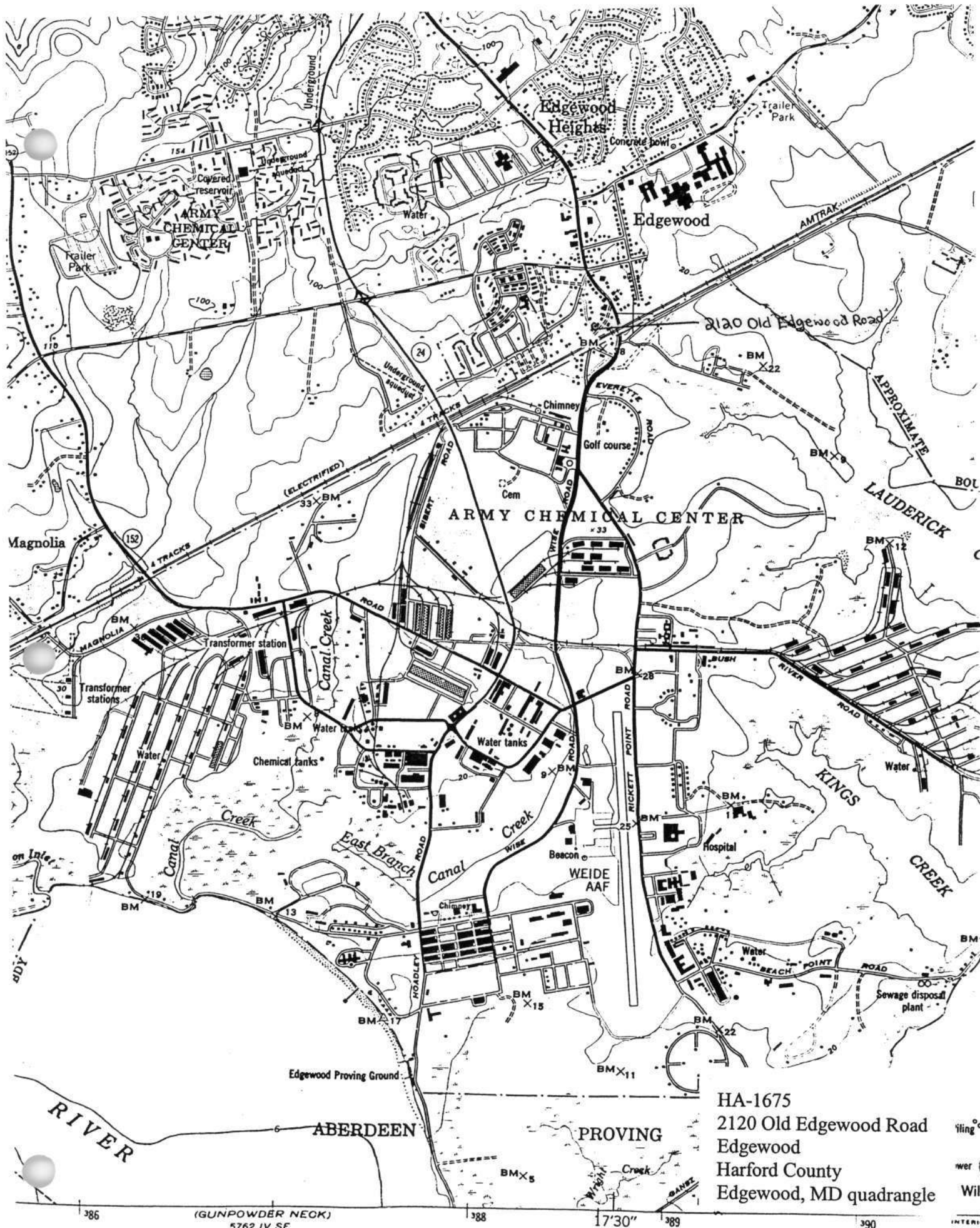
Criteria: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D Considerations: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____ F ____ G ____ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

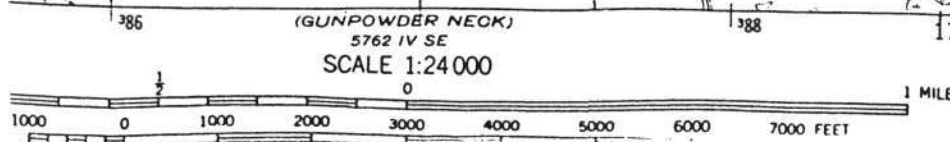
B. Kintz
Reviewer, NR Program

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1675

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 2120 Old Edgewood Road

2. Location

street & number 2120 Old Edgewood Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Edgewood

☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Harford

3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Benjamin Daniel Riley and wife

street & number 2120 Old Edgewood Road

telephone no.: 410-676-6817

city, town Edgewood

state and zip code Maryland 21040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber 962

street & number 40 South Main Street

folio 497

city, town Bel Air

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This house is a three bay, side-gabled, two, wood-framed, nineteenth century vernacular dwelling with a two story, gabled rear ell. It sits on a tree-shaded lot across from the parking lot for the Edgewood rail station. In addition to the house the property contains a log workshop and an in-ground swimming pool.

The original portion of the house probably consisted of the three bay front block and the gabled rear ell. Additions to it include a shed-roofed, enclosed single story block to the rear of the ell, and a two story, flat-roofed, wood-framed block that adjoins the west wall of the ell and the north wall of the main block. The house is sheathed in German siding, except for the two story rear addition which is sheathed in wood panels. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two square brick chimneys project from either side of the roof ridge of the rear ell.

A hip-roofed front porch extends across the south facade of the house. A screened door is centered on the porch. The lower wall of the porch is enclosed with flush wood boards, while the upper wall is screened. A second door is placed in the north wall of the single-story, shed-roofed vestibule. Fenestration consists primarily of regularly spaced, two over two and one over one, double hung, sash windows.

The rear yard of the house is enclosed with a stockade fence. An in-ground swimming pool surrounded by a concrete apron takes up a majority of the backyard. A side-gabled workshop is located in the northeast corner of the yard. The workshop is set on a concrete slab. Its walls are constructed of squared-off logs, and the gable peaks are sheathed in vertical boards. A vertical board door is centered on its south wall and is flanked by six-light windows. Six over three, double hung, sash windows are placed in the gable ends. The roof is sheathed in corrugated metal.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1860-1870

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

According to Benjamin Riley, the present owner, this house is the oldest in Edgewood. If so, it may be the property indicated as the William Trimble House on Martenet's 1878 map of Harford County. Later alterations to the house have compromised its architectural integrity and historic significance.

The house was constructed on a portion of a 10 acre tract of land, described as lying on the Gunpowder Neck Road, that William P. and Elizabeth R. Trimble sold to William Mechem in 1868 for \$3,500 (Harford County Deed Book 23:270, October 26, 1868). Mechem subsequently subdivided this land holding into smaller pieces on which were built some of Edgewood's earliest buildings. In 1880, he sold a one road and 20 perch parcel on which the house sits to Allen and Sallie R. Hoffman for ten dollars (Harford County Deed Book 51:3, May 10, 1880). Eight years later, the Hoffmans sold the parcel to Arend Wychgram for \$200 (Harford County Deed Book 62:390, April 2, 1888). After Arend Wychgram's death, Bernard J. and Josephine Wychgram sold nine parcels of land, including the site of the house to Aff[i]ena Ripkin for five dollars and other good and valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 130:488, September 28, 1910). Fourteen years later, Ripkin sold four lots, including the site of the house to Jacob S. and Rose S. Shapiro and Harry J. and Rosalie Murphy for five dollars and other good and valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 189:397, September 8, 1924). Four years later, the Shapiros and the Murphys sold the parcels to Elizabeth A. Patton (Harford County Deed Book 208:164, April 26, 1928). Patton owned the parcel containing the house until 1960. In that year, she sold four parcels to Raymond L. Slesinski and Eugene and Ella F. Loughlin, owners of Loughlin's Restaurant, for ten dollars and other valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 562:432, December 1, 1960). In 1974, Raymond L. and Alice F. Slesinski sold the parcel containing the house to Benjamin D. and Linda D. Riley, its present owners for \$5 and other good and valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 962:497, October 16, 1974).

In original design, the house is a typical vernacular, side gable, wood-framed house of the nineteenth century. Of little architectural distinction when built, it now possesses even less as a result of alterations including replacement of the front porch, sheathing in asbestos shingles, and construction of rear additions. Although it may be among the oldest houses in the community, its present appearance fails to convey strong associations with its period of construction. Due to lack of integrity and lack of architectural significance, the house is recommended not eligible for the National Register.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Harford County Deed Books. Office of the County Clerk. Harford County Courthouse. Bel Air, Maryland.

Martenet, Simon J. *Martenet's Map of Harford County, Maryland*. Baltimore: Lithographed by Schmidt & Trowe, 1878.

Riley, Benjamin (owner of 2120 Old Edgewood Road). Interview with co-author. Edgewood, Maryland. August 1996.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .29

Quadrangle name Edgewood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 66, Parcel 52-1. This boundary corresponds to those to which the owners hold title.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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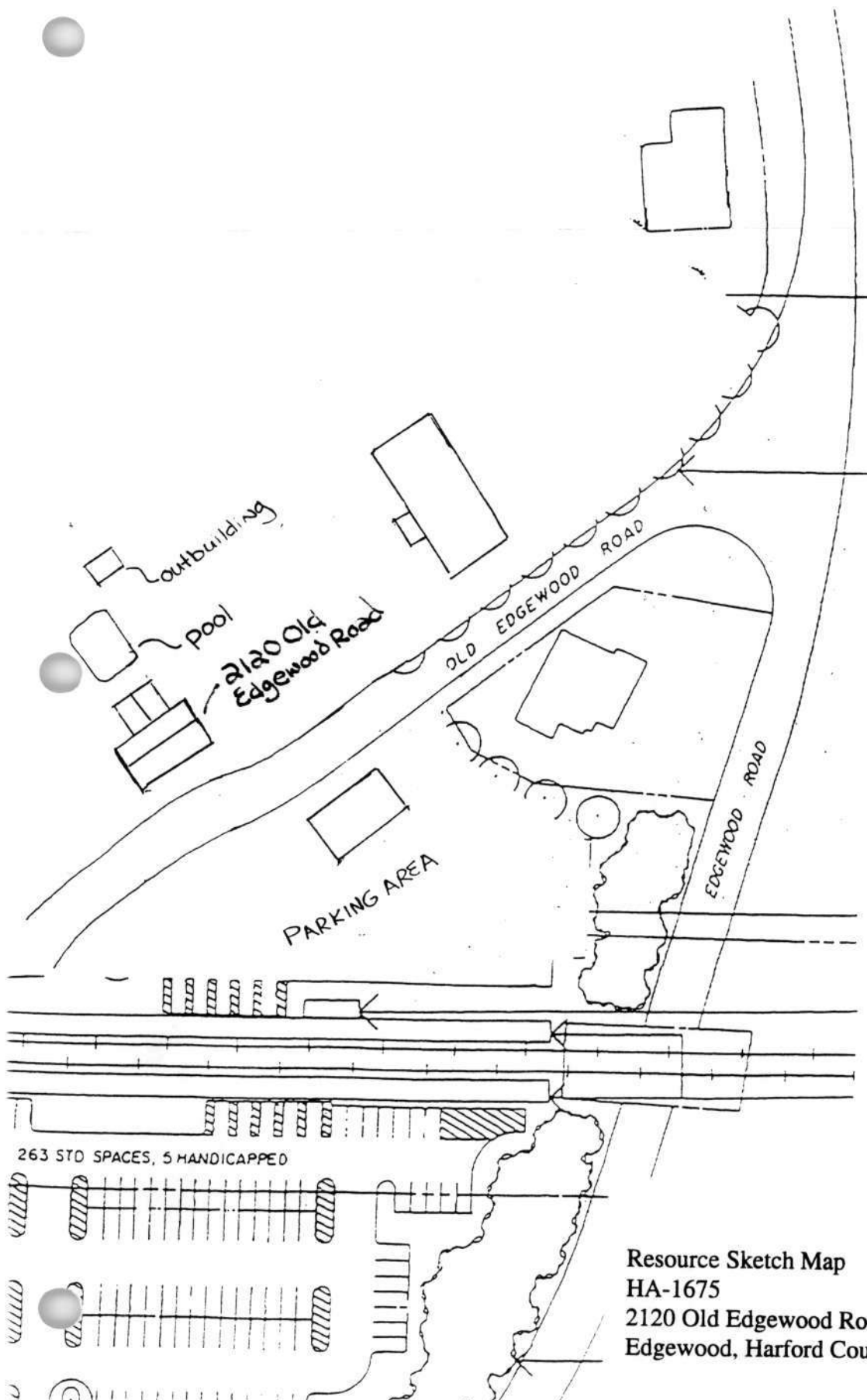
Continuation Sheet

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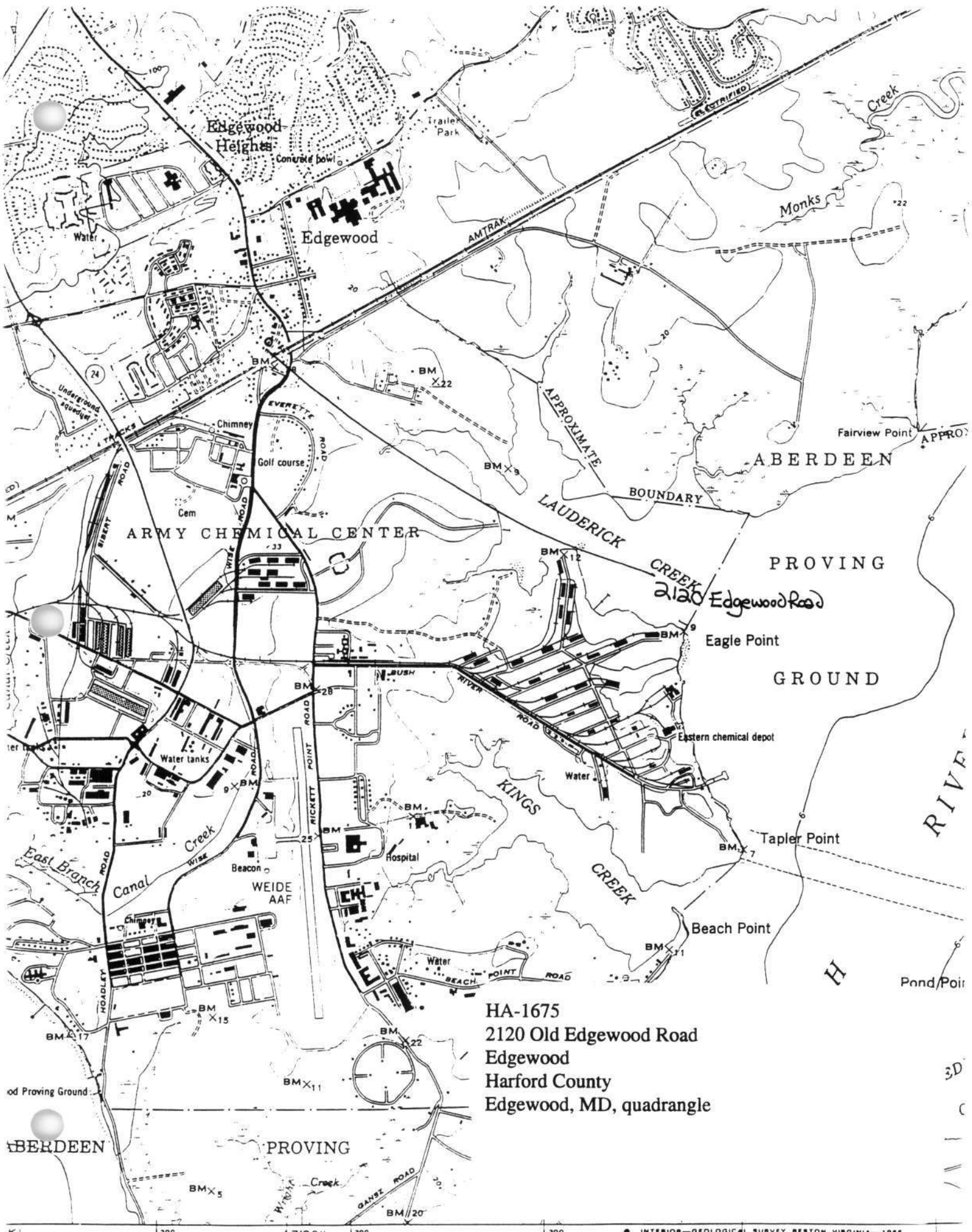
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Resource Sketch Map
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Edgewood, Harford County



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2120 Old Edgewood Road
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Edgewood, MD, quadrangle



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2120 Old Edgewood Road

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House, SE facade & NE side.

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House NW side

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Outbuilding, SE & SW sides
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